



T. J. McCULLOUGH  
Pioneer Shoe Dealer

This man owned one of the largest shoe stocks in the country. His experience covers a period of 38 years of business in one store without ever missing one single Saturday. This man has been selling the "good sort" of shoes to the public of Newburg, N. Y., and along the beautiful banks of the Hudson, he was known to have the best and most wonderful stock of shoes between the cities of New York and Buffalo. After his long strenuous stride along the business lines for 38 years, he has decided to make life a little more worth while and took the pleasure of announcing his stock of shoes to Thing & Company, the big "Shoe Hustlers," who immediately were on the scene with spot cash and took this wonderful \$50,000 stock of shoes at just about 50 cents on the dollar. Now after plowing through this stock with a force of men for nearly an entire week taking an inventory of it, it has been arranged to come to this city where it will be put on sale just as soon as it can be arranged on the shelves and tables of Thing & Company's big shoe store at 1153 Main street, which will be Thursday, June 8th. Now Mr. McCullough never handled a poor shoe and only such makes as "Red Cross," "La France," "King Quality" and many other famous makes, and the public can be assured to be given a treat with only the best kind of footwear. This wonderful stock was purchased at a great loss to McCullough, MBUT that is for the public's gain.

## R. R. EMPLOYEES WON'T CHANGE ANY DEMANDS

New York, June 6.—It was made clear yesterday at the national railroad wage conference that the four brotherhoods do not now propose to alter or reduce the demands they have made in behalf of more than \$50,000 locomotive engineers, firemen, conductors and brakemen for an eight hour day and time and a half for overtime.

In response to questions by Elisha Lee, Chairman of the conference, Brotherhood Grand Chiefs Garretson and Stone replied they had no power from the employees to change or modify the demands; that it was up to the railroads to accept or reject them.

If the railroads reject the proposals, which they will do, it is believed, the Grand Chiefs will call upon the brotherhoods for a strike vote. Backed by that they will again put the demands before the railroads. The companies, according to present understanding, then will call on the Federal Government for some form of arbitration or mediation.

"The railroad counter proposals," said Grand Chief Garretson last night, "amount to a nullification of our own proposals."

At the conference Garretson complained of the long hours trainmen have to work, often sixteen hours a day, he said.

"If the railroads were 'soaked' the way you want to soak them," said Lee to Garretson with a grin.

"The roads should be soaked," broke in Stone. "The men have been soaked for years. Turn about is fair play."

It was brought out that all over the country trainmen are putting in twelve to twenty hours daily, despite the Federal statute forbidding more than sixteen hours' work in twenty-four hours.

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## Mayor Wants Aldermen To Handle Cash

Would Have Power to Borrow  
Money on Short Term Notes  
Vested in Common Council.

Annual Message of Mayor Includes Admonishment to Departments to Spend Money Without Delay.

Authorization of the Common Council to borrow money on short term notes is one of the features of the annual message of Mayor Wilson, sent to the council at its meeting last night. Among other recommendations are the speedy organization of the fire department; placing wherever practical of combination new fire houses and police stations; collection of ashes within the center of the city; police reserves; new isolation hospital; more sanitary inspectors and school nurses; more traffic officers on Sundays; one way traffic at Fairfield avenue and Main street; dance hall at Y. W. C. A. for young women; pre-ventricular school; delay in building ice plant; the widening of Housatonic avenue from Congress street to East Washington avenue; the extension of Harrison street from Fairfield avenue to Lafayette street; and the diagonal West from State and Main streets to Water street.

He urges all boards that have bond issues at their disposal to proceed rapidly with the extension of the projects for which the bonds were voted.

In part the message follows:

**Finances.**  
The net debt of the city on April 1, 1916, was \$3,639,839.94. Since that date a bond issue of \$2,750,000 has been authorized by the electors at a special election held in April, to be expended on various projects. The present grand list is \$129,099,821.

That the credit of the city is excellent is attested by the large premium received at the recent sale of city bonds which were issued at 4-1-4 per cent.

**Assessors.**

The work of this board is most important. It is essential that the block map system be kept up to date. In an effort to further equalize taxation I would advise that a front-foot valuation which is very practical be placed upon all property in the city.

**Building Commissioners.**

Owing to the large building operations during the past year this department has been exceptionally busy. The total cash received for permits was \$10,738.

During the past year a Plumbing Examiner has been added to this department and I am of the opinion that more inspectors will be possible for the present demand continues. The enactment of a building code has greatly facilitated building operations in the city. I believe that Bridgeport has one of the best building codes of any city of her size in the country.

**City Engineer.**

The city engineer has compiled general information relative to sewer problems and has secured an opinion from Herring & Gregory, sanitary engineers, bearing on this subject, the basis of sewage disposal system. Plans and specifications for strengthening Yellow Mill bridge have been prepared upon the expert opinion of J. E. Greiner, consulting engineer.

**Director of Public Works.**

Under the supervision of this department during the past year, 10.87 miles of Warrenite were laid on old streets, 27,800 lin. ft. of sewers were constructed by the city and 21,300 lin. ft. of sewers were constructed by private individuals; \$500,000 bonds were authorized by the electors in April last for improved pavements. Contracts have been awarded to Warren Brothers Co., to lay a bituminous surface over the old macadam roads covering a total surface of approximately 350,000 square yards. I believe that Warrenite pavement is the best the city can obtain for the money expended. Permanent pavement costs considerably more in view of the number of our streets that need immediate improvement. I am of the opinion that it is wiser to improve the surface of as many streets as this amount will allow and yet maintain good construction.

**Fire Department.**

This department should be completely motorized in another year. A number of motor-driven apparatuses will be added during the current year, thus increasing its efficiency and lessening the upkeep. The need for new fire-houses is imperative in some sections of our city, namely the Bridgeport district, North Bridgeport, and in the vicinity of the "Remington City," so called. The manual system should be installed in fireproof headquarters at as early a date as possible.

During the past year Daniel E. Johnson was appointed chief engineer to succeed Edward Mooney, retired. The personnel of this department is excellent. I believe that the inspector of combustibles and fire risks has done much toward eliminating hazardous conditions which has no doubt resulted in the saving of large sums of money. I believe, however, that more men should be detailed to this work and until money can be provided for this service, I would suggest, where possible, that men be assigned for inspection work from the various engine houses. The advantage of placing the fire alarm wires under ground is obvious and should be completed as soon as possible.

**Charities Department.**

During the past year the new almshouse has been completed and is now about ready for occupancy. This is one of the most approved types of buildings and of fireproof construction.

The construction of a new clinic building for the joint purposes of the Board of Health and the Charities Department will prove of inestimable value to the city. The establishment of this public clinic will enable the authorities to detect contagion. Upon the opening of this clinic a follow-up system should be inaugurated in order to attain the best results.

The Day Nursery, a private charity of this city, is doing a commendable work in caring for children whose

mothers are obliged to leave the home during the day in order to provide for the family needs. The increasing number of children cared for at this Nursery would indicate that the time is not far off when the City will be called upon to lend substantial assistance to this work.

**Health Department.**  
The city, notwithstanding its tremendous growth, has been kept free from pestilence and the spread of contagious diseases. Too much importance cannot be attached to the work of this department and I am of the opinion that there should be more sanitary inspectors and also more school nurses as the work which they do is very far reaching. The dental clinic has been most successful and this work should be extended.

A large and well equipped Isolation Hospital should be added for. Owing to the over-crowded condition of the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Shelton it is necessary that some provision be made for the treatment of such cases until they can be admitted to the State Institution.

**Police Department.**

This department recently lost, by death, its very efficient and much beloved Superintendent, Eugene Birmingham. Captain John H. Redgate has been appointed Superintendent and other changes have been made in the department in the way of retirements and advancements. Even with the added force made possible by your honorable body there are none too many patrolmen to safeguard the lives and property of our citizens. I believe the reserve system should be put in force as soon as possible so that in emergency cases there will always be men on hand, in the various precincts to respond to any call.

I would urge a campaign for clean streets through the Police department, and suggest that arrests be made of persons sweeping or throwing refuse upon the highways. A city cannot be kept clean except through the co-operation of its citizens.

I am of the opinion that traffic officers should be maintained at our principal corners on Sundays as well as on week days, and I would urge a quicker handling of the traffic. I believe the time has come when straight traffic should be maintained at Fairfield avenue and Main street, and that some of the trolley stops now made on Main street and Fairfield avenue should be eliminated. I commend the department upon its splendid services in the past and feel sure that with the added force, its efficiency will become proportionally greater.

**Board of Contract and Supply.**

This board has made more purchases during the past year than at any other time in its history. The net estimated saving by this board for the year was \$24,886.77. The efficiency of this board is unquestioned and I would advise all departments to make their purchases through this board.

**Park Department.**

I believe the big constructive work for this department this year should be the establishment of playgrounds and shower-baths and the extension of the seawall at Seaside park. The need for recreation places becomes more apparent each day and I would urge that this board move quickly.

**Board of Education.**

The overcrowded condition of our schools makes it necessary that this board act as rapidly as possible for the needs of the school children. The bond issue of \$300,000 for grammar schools will help materially in this direction. The system of pre-vocational schools and the practical matters introduced into the educational work in our city will prove of great value to the boy and girl who must early in life seek to earn his or her own livelihood.

**Matters in General.**

The Municipal Ice Plant Commission will soon have definite plans for the building and equipment of a 100-ton unit ice and cold storage plant. I believe that it is wiser for the commission to go slow in this work rather than to hurry the same and possibly be embarrassed by ill-advised movements.

The commission appointed to draft a charter along the five-commissioner plan of city government has been at work for several months. Their report will be one which should receive the careful attention of each and every citizen as it proposes an entire change in the form of government. The law provides that within not less than 60 nor more than 90 days from the time the charter is presented to the mayor, it shall be submitted to the electors for approval or disapproval. As I have no information as to when this proposed charter will be submitted to the electors, I make you at this time as to when the matter will be passed upon by the electors.

The Vice Commission has rendered a report which shows that the moral tone of Bridgeport compares favorably with that of other cities of similar size and importance. The policy of suppression of the social evil has succeeded the old segregation system which had been in existence for a great many years. I sincerely hope that the proposed Y. W. C. A. Building will provide a dance hall where young women may go and be engaged in a good environment. In the recommendation of the appointment of a Recreation Committee I fully concur.

The Library Board should endeavor to secure proper sites for branch libraries in various sections of the city, and also to procure a site for a large central library, which would provide a large auditorium where lectures and art exhibits might be held.

## LIGHTNING STRIKES TWO NEW BRITAIN NEWSPAPER PLANTS

New Britain, Ct., June 6.—Lightning struck the plants of the New Britain Herald, the New Britain Record and the Eastern Printing & Publishing Co. all within 200 yards of each other, late yesterday afternoon. No serious damage was done in either place.

## SUPREME COURT OF ERRORS OPENS WITH VERY LONG DOCKET

New Haven, June 6.—With an unusually long docket, a total of 43 cases, the supreme court of errors of Connecticut began its June session here today. Of the cases listed 24 are from New Haven county, 17 from Fairfield county and two from Hartford county.

All banks in Venice are reported to have been closed, and the cash sent south because of the Austrian advance.

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## RECONSIDER DRASTIC ACTION ON JITNEYS

On the petition of Fred L. Munson and other jitney drivers, the common council last night voted to reconsider its former action in regard to barring jitneys off Main street during certain hours after June 15. The ordinance was laid on the table and a

public hearing will be held on it on June 19.

The motion to reconsider was made by Alderman Vincent S. Whitney and seconded by Alderman R. Roswell. Alderman Whitney is chairman of the ordinance committee, which favorably reported the ordinance before. He said he asked reconsideration at the request of members of the council, the mayor and some "fine young men from the Bridgeport Jitney Owners' Protective association."

Most of the members of this organization were crowded in the galleries and they left very noisily after the action had been taken.

The ordinance which was reported and passed without a public hearing at the meeting of May 24, was to be in effect June 15. Under its provisions no jitneys might be driven in or across Main street from State to Congress street, during the hours of 12

to 2 in the middle of the day and 5 to 7 o'clock in the afternoon.

A new \$1,000,000 terminal at Vancouver, B. C., will be erected by the Canadian Northern Railroad.

Government troops quelled rioting of striking oil employees at Talara, Peru. No Americans were killed during the rioting.

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